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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

VIA : (1) Deputy Director (Intelligence)
(2) Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Project ARTICHOKE

1. In accordance with O/DD/P TS memorandum of 17 June on the above subject, a meeting was held today to reach final recommendations for DD/P's decision. Present were:

OSO - Mr. [REDACTED]

OPC - Mr. [REDACTED]

OTS - Dr. [REDACTED]

I&SO - Mr. [REDACTED]

OSI - Mr. [REDACTED]

Dr. [REDACTED] Chief, CIA Medical Staff, was unable to be present due to illness.

2. It was agreed by those present that over-all responsibility for Project Artichoke should be transferred from OSI to I&SO, with full responsibility for research being allocated to OTS. It was understood and agreed that there should be the closest coordination between I&SO and OTS with complete interchange of information concerning research and testing within the purposes of Project Artichoke. It was understood also that I&SO has a fundamental security responsibility in relation to the appropriateness and propriety of any research projects undertaken by the Agency and additionally, due to the high sensitivity of research projects in this particular field, such projects should be cleared through I&SO.

3. Under this broad allocation of responsibilities, it was agreed that detailed responsibilities should be allocated as follows:

a. The training, staffing and directing of all field teams should be the responsibility of I&SO with the understanding that in the field all activities are under the control of the CIA mission chief concerned. In the discharge of this responsibility I&SO will coordinate with OPC and OSO for operational support and with CIA Medical Staff for necessary medical support.

b. Responsibility for the foreign intelligence aspects of this subject should remain in OSI.

c. The responsibility for monitoring the study by the Research and Development Board, Department of Defense, should be transferred from OSI to OTS in line with the latter's overall research responsibility.

d. Responsibility for continuing contact with the Department of Defense representatives, established at the request of the DCI in the IAC Executive Session of 2 April 1951, should be transferred from OSI to OTS.

4. It was understood and confirmed by those present that, in spite of various interim definitions, the scope of Project Artichoke is research and testing to arrive at means of control, rather than the more limited concept embodied in "special interrogations".

5. It was recommended that DD/P confirm and order the above allocations of responsibilities.

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